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SUBJECT: CHILE WILL VOTE NO OR ABSTAIN ON KOSOVO'S IMF AND
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Classified By: ECONOMIC/POLITICAL COUNSELOR TIMOTHY STATER. REASONS 1.
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(C) Econoff delivered ref demarche to Raul Saez, International Affairs Coordinator, at the Chilean Ministry of Finance, April 15. The Ministry of Finance issues voting instructions to Chile's Governors at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank. Saez reported Chile will stick to its position of not recognizing the &unilateral declaration of independence by Kosovo.⁸ Accordingly, Chile would either vote "no" or abstain on Kosovo's application for IMF and World Bank membership. The Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were still coordinating on the decision. Econoff emphasized the importance of a timely vote for purposes of establishing a quorum. Saez was aware of the May 5 deadline and promised Chile would meet it.

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